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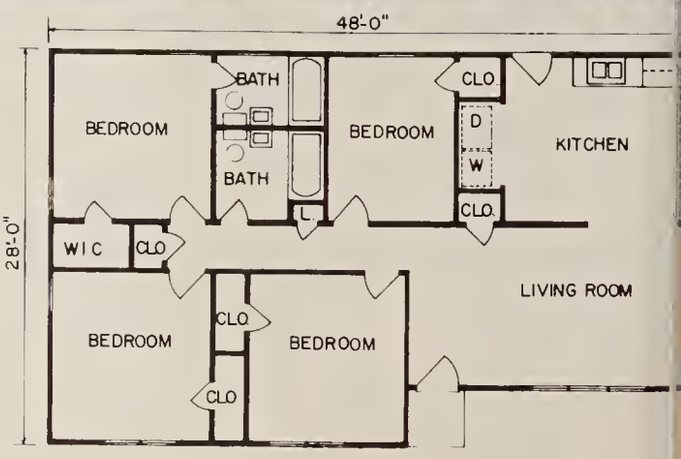

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To Adjust Nuclear Lifestyle

Three Mile Island A Timely Warning

Three Mile Island near Harrisburg, Pa., was the site March 28 of the worst nuclear power plant accident in the nation's history.

See related story, Pages 10-11

Yet, the toll from that accident was no deaths, no injuries and no damage, except in the plant's fuel core. Despite mechanical malfunctions compounded by human errors, the plant's safeguards prevailed as its system designs intended.

That remarkable fact seems to have been obscured in the public mind in the wake of the incident, as members of Congress, government officials, utilities executives and the media are involved in a circus of reaction to the accident.

It was put clearly into perspective by testimony before the State Utilities Commission on April 17.

"The multiple barriers of defense systems built into these plants did, in fact, work" to protect the public and the plant's employees, said William S. Lee, president of Duke Power Co., who was involved in directing recovery operations at Three Mile Island.

Editorials

As a result of the accident, he said, chances are that the public will have gained a greater understanding of the risks of nuclear power. "We all t risks, but when we understand th risks we tend to accept them," added.

Lee said the risks of nuclear po are balanced by its benefits: It's expensive, cleaner on t environment and safer than alternative to all who're involved the process.

Also, James W. Hufham of Nuclear Regulatory Commiss testified that the accident shown the need for more trainin nuclear plant operators and sc system evaluation, but "with th improvement and with the respc capability demonstrated at Three I Island, I think it (nuclear power) safe system."

These two nuclear experts agree effect, that the Three Mile Is accident was quite serious but nc critical that further use of nuc energy should be halted.

Their comments could be compa to the kind of advice a physician w give a middle-aged patient who just experienced his first serious h attack.

"Don't take this lightly," he might

"You've been through a diff experience. But it could save your because it's given you a tin warning. By making some adjustm in your lifestyle, you can easily a any recurrence of the problem"

Three Mile Island was the warn

By learning from it, the nation find an acceptable way to adjus nuclear lifestyle — with abandoning the benefits of nuc energy as a source of essential ele power.

The Passing Scene

• If you're struggling to lose a few pounds in preparation for summer beach outings, you'll appreciate "The Weight Control Psalm" by Henrietta H. Dudley. It appeared in a newsletter published by the Weight Control Center at Hilton Head Island, S. C., Hospital. We saw it reprinted in our counterpart publication *Living in South Carolina*:

Strict is my diet, I must not want. It maketh me to lie down at night hungry. It leadeth me past the confectioners. It trieth my will power. It leadeth me in the paths of starvation for my figure's sake. Yea, though I walk through the aisles of the pastry department, I will buy no sweetrolls, for they are fattening. The cakes and the pies, they tempt me. Before me my table is set with green beans and lettuce. I filleth my stoach with liquids. My day's quota runneth over. Surely calories and weight charts will follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in fear of scales forever.

• *The Wall Street Journal* reports that a caller to New York's telephone directory assistance recently was told the requested number couldn't be provided because the computers were out of order. Asked if she could look up the number in the phone book, the operator replied, "This is the modern age, sir. We haven't any phone books — only computers. But the computers are broken."

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COVER — The spray of water at Dry Falls ne Cashiers stands out clearly against the green the surrounding forest in this photo by E. Andrews Jr. of Montreat. Dry falls was so name because of a trail leading behind the fal allowing for a dry "underneath" view. The pho is from the **1979 Mountain Meditations Calend** published by Andrews and Dr. John R. Crawfo of Montreat Anderson College. Our thanks them for allowing us to use the color negatives the photo.

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Dean Snyder (age 11)
1321 Derington Ave.
Casper, Wyoming 82601

I enjoyed your March edition on women and their changing roles — in fact I enjoyed it very much.

I look forward to your April edition featuring the North Carolina women who are EMC directors. We have just two in South Dakota.

Good idea. I wish I had thought of it.

Floriene Plummer
South Dakota High Liner
South Dakota Rural Electric Assn.
Pierre, S.D.

Thank you for your recent coverage of two notable career women, and the related article entitled "The Best Man for the Job Might be a Woman."

Congratulations to you and the members of your staff who have chosen to include these special articles of interest to women, and further, for planning to do the follow-up in April on female directors.

We women who are involved in careers in the rural electrification program and other areas of rural development seldom see space devoted exclusively to female achievement and the changing roles of women today. Your efforts to recognize the efforts of these successful women should be applauded.

This member of your audience is particularly pleased and looks forward to reading your next issue.

Jean Taylor
Area Loan Examiner—Southwest
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Since moving to Alleghany County and becoming a member of the Blue Ridge EMC in August, 1977, we have been receiving your magazine. I have found it most informative and find things there I have not seen elsewhere — most recently the item in "Here/There/Everywhere" about the transient surge suppressor in the April issue. The CBS "60 Minutes" television program has since done a report about it, but my first information came from your magazine.

I enjoy the articles of varied interest you also include in the magazine.

Blondell M. Jones
Ennice

I truly enjoy your magazine each month, especially the recipes, humor and special articles about North Carolina localities. Keep up the good work.

Mrs. W. T. Barnes
Rt. 1, Youngsville

Willis Robbins, Davidson EMC

This is one of the six displays in an exhibit of materials illustrating the history of the Davidson County Extension Homemakers organization, which began in 1915 as an outgrowth of the Tomato Canning Clubs for girls (later known as 4-H clubs). The exhibit, which will be featured at the Davidson County Historical Museum in the old courthouse building in Lexington through June, includes photos, awards, home cures, early crafts and food and clothing items from various stages of the Homemakers' history. The exhibit is open Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. There is no admission charge.

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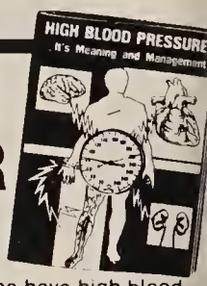

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Directors Elected

Incumbent directors at three North Carolina Electric Membership Corporations were re-elected to new terms during the EMCs' recent annual meetings.

At Wake EMC, incumbents J. Howard Conyers of Rt. 1, Franklinton and Dan E. Woody of Rt. 3, Oxford were re-elected; and Newman Bailey of Rt. 1, Wake Forest, successfully stood for election for the first time. Bailey had been appointed to the board earlier this year to fill the unexpired term of the late James P. Bailey (no relation) of Rt. 1, Wake Forest.

At South River EMC, incumbents re-elected were Francis Clifton of Rt. 1, Faison; Ralph Johnson of Rt. 1, Roseboro and Charles Collier of Rt. 1, Linden.

At Jones-Onslow EMC, incumbents re-elected were Percy Jenkins of Rt. 1, Sneads Ferry; Hugh Sandlin of Rt. 3, Jacksonville; Fletcher Barber of Trenton and Horace Phillips of Rt. 1, Trenton.

Dissatisfied Customers

A number of *Carolina Country* readers who ordered a "gift box" item through an ad in the magazine have expressed dissatisfaction with the merchandise, saying the product samples in the box don't live up the claims in the ad. Such complaints and requests for refunds are being directed to the New York agency which handles the ads for the advertiser: Barbara Rosenblum, Harvest Advertising, 1212 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10036.

Davidson EMC Cited For Safety Record

Davidson Electric Membership Corporation, Lexington, has become the third rural electric cooperative in the nation to log one million manhours without a single lost time injury.

The EMC received a certificate in recognition of the distinction from the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA), during the 1979 Annual Meeting of the North Carolina Association of Electric Cooperatives (N.C. AEC) in Raleigh. (See related stories, Pages 22-33).

The 40-year-old cooperative, which serves about 22,000 consumers on 2,800 miles of line across the northern Piedmont, completed the one-million manhour record between Jan. 1, 1973 and March 1, 1979.

In presenting the certificate to Eston Stokes of Linwood, the EMC's board president, Marvin Nelson, national safety coordinator with NRECA, commended the co-op for its achievement — a record which has been equalled by only two other electric cooperatives in the country.

"Working for one million hours without a disabling injury required a long period of time for us since we have only 74 employees," said Willis Robbins, the co-op's safety supervisor. "The achievement is especially important to us when we realize that we drive some 700,000 miles a year with a fleet of 34 vehicles."

Davidson EMC has already been accredited by NRECA for its employee safety program, having received two of the organization's certificates of excellence in the past six years. The co-op also holds the National Safety Council certificate of commendation and the North Carolina Department of Labor certificate of safety achievement.

Burnsville Mayor Honored For Service To EMCs

The mayor of Burnsville has been awarded a special service citation by N.C. AEC for his 45 years of service to Tar Heel electric co-ops.

Mark Bennett of Burnsville, who was the first manager of French Broad Electric Membership Corporation, Marshall, retired recently after spending nearly 14 years with the North Carolina Department of Community Colleges as an area coordinator working with the EMCs' technical training and safety programs.

From 1934 to 1940, Bennett serve as district manager of North Weste Carolina Utilities at Marshall. Working with his neighbors, he helped organize French Broad EM serving as its first manager from 19 to 1947. After a stint in the Army during World War II, he returned the co-op to become assistant manager.

The citation was presented t Bennett during N.C. AEC's 19 Annual Meeting.

Annual Meetings Set

Three Electric Membership Corporations have scheduled annu meetings during June and July.

- Blue Ridge EMC, Lenoir, will h its meeting June 9 at Ashe Central High School in Jefferson, with registration beginning at 8:30 a.m. the business session starting at 10 a Dr. Albert Edwards, pastor of Ralei First Presbyterian Church and a no speaker, will address the meeting. Entertainment will be provided by noted country music performer "D Watson and his son, Merle.

Elections will be held to fill four seats on the board of directors. Incumbents who'll be up for re-election are Oren Teague of Rt. 1, Granite Falls; Bill Brown of Rt. 1, Boone; Richard L. Shepherd of Rt. Lansing and Charity Gambill of Sp

- Piedmont EMC, Hillsborough, hold its 40th annual meeting June Orange High School in Hillsborou Entertainment by the Dixie Melod Boys will begin along with registra at 7:15 p.m. The business session i slated for 8 p.m.

Elections will be held to fill thre directors' seats. Incumbents whose terms are expiring are Richard C. Roberts of Rt. 1, Hillsborough; W. Shaw of Rt. 2, Elon College and C T. Satterfield of Timberlake.

- Randolph EMC, Asheboro, wi hold its annual meeting July 20 at J. Stone Stadium adjacent to Ashel High School. Registration will beg 6:30 p.m., with the business meeti starting at 8 p.m.

Elections will be held to fill thre

eats on the board of directors. ncumbents who'll be up for re-lection are Henry Allen of Troy; mes H. Garner of Rt. 2, Robbins and olan Surratt of Rt. 3, Denton.

New Staffer Joins N.C. AEC, Magazine

Patty Shelley of Raleigh, who has rved in public relations posts with e North Carolina Symphony for e past two years, has joined the aff of *Carolina Country* and the orth Carolina Association of ectric Cooperatives.

Ms. Shelley, a journalism graduate of UNC-CH, will serve as a staff writer and contributing editor of *Carolina Country* and as a member services ecialist with the association. She will be responsible for ordinating N.C. AEC's women's ivities, youth programs and nsumer relations projects, working sely with member relations sonnel in the state's 28 Electric mbership Corporations.

he Charlotte native succeeds e Brotherton, who resigned to the City of Charlotte's public rmation office.

a related move, *Carolina untry* Associate Editor Kemp Ward been named an information cialist in N.C. AEC's Department nformation Services. He'll tinue in the same role with the azine, and will serve as editor of *EMC Employee*, a bi-monthly lication for the state's 2,000 rural tric co-op employees. He'll also see various other communica-s and public relations programs .C. AEC.

s. Shelley came to N.C. AEC serving since last August as tor of information services for N.C. Symphony. She had been ymphony's director of munity services, working with nteer support groups across the a, for a year prior to moving into post.

Between 1973 and 1977, she was editor of *The Journal*, a faculty publication at North Carolina State University. Earlier, she had been a writer in the NCSU News Bureau for three years.

A former Raleigh *News and Observer* reporter, she served for a year as editor of the *Western Wake Herald* in Apex.

REA Loan Approved

Blue Ridge Electric Membership Corporation, Lenoir, has been awarded a $1.4 million loan from the Rural Electrification Administration for extension of service in Cherokee and Clay counties. The loan will finance 123 miles of distribution lines to serve about 1,730 additional customers, along with other system improvements.

Nuclear Plants Down

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff has ordered five East Coast nuclear power plants shut down as a precautionary measure, pending affirmation of the ability of their back-up cooling systems to withstand major earthquakes. Among those shut down was Virginia Electric and Power Company's Surry 1 and 2, portions of which VEPCO may sell to the North Carolina and Virginia electric corporatives.

NRC officials say some of the plants may be closed for several weeks and others for longer periods, depending on an analysis of findings at each plant. VEPCO officials have warned that the firm's customers could face curtailment of service this summer if it is not allowed to operate at least one of the power plants before June. □

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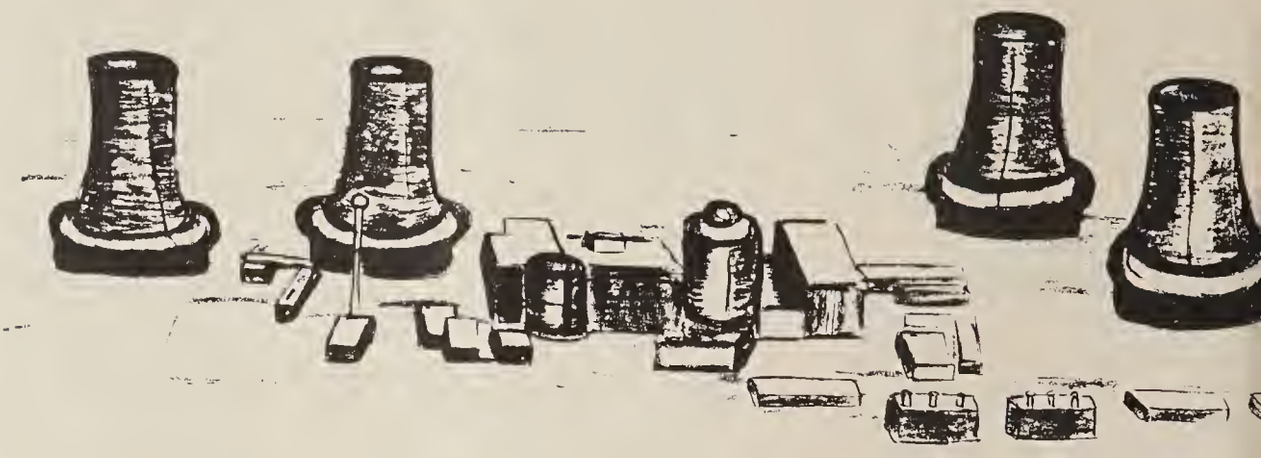

The Three Mile Island Nuclear Power Plant near Harrisburg, Pa.

The Defense Barriers Worked At 3 Mile Islan

Testimony by federal government and power company officials before a North Carolina Utilities Commission hearing presented a united front in maintaining that the accident at Pennsylvania's Three Mile Island nuclear power plant should not lead to a panicked retreat from the use of nuclear energy.

Although the March 28 accident was "very serious," with a potential for high radiation exposure to the area around the plant, no persons at the plant or in its vicinity received "any measurable damage," said William S. Lee, president of Duke Power Company, who was involved in overseeing recovery operations at Three Mile Island following the incident.

This means "the multiple barriers of defense systems built into these nuclear plants did, in fact, work" to protect the public and the plant's employees. The plant itself is "almost intact, but the fuel core has received extensive damage," he said.

"Nuclear energy is less expense, cleaner on the environment and, we think, safer than any alternative — including coal — to the total spectrum of human beings involved in the process. Therefore, we think nuclear power should play an important role in the state."

-William S. Lee
President, Duke Power Co.

Lee said he hopes that "when the passions of this event have subsided, it will give the public a greater level of understanding of the risks of nuclear energy. The public needs more in-depth understanding of what goes on inside a nuclear power plant and what the risks therefrom are. We all take risks, but when we understand those risks we tend to accept them."

He pointed out that in the weeks since the nucle incident the nation had witnessed evacuations due a chemical train wreck and the threat of a volca eruption, as well as two airplane accidents.

"Those are risks we tend to understand a therefore, we tend to accept them along with all other risks in our lives—including electricity itsel which can be a very dangerous item if it's not hand properly.

Once the public puts the risks of nuclear pow into perspective, he said, they can see that the ris are balanced by the benefit to be derived from th energy source.

He described it as "the least expensive way today know how to make electricity," saying its use North Carolina has held down the cost of power f Tar Heel consumers.

"Nuclear energy is less expense, cleaner on environment and, we think, safer than any alternative including coal—to the total spectrum of human bei involved in the process. Therefore, we think nucl power should play an important role in our state."

To maintain a healthy, growing economy, he add the state must have more electricity and coal and nucl "are the only options available. And coal cannot do it itself."

Lee testitifed at the commission's April 17 hear to review the Three Mile Island incident, implications for the safe operation of nuclear pla serving North Carolina and the power compan preparation for dealing with accidents.

James W. Hufham, representing the Nucl Regulatory Commission's regional office in Atla and its Office of Inspection and Enforcem testified that his agency had been satisfied with responses to the Three Mile Island accident, but r sees the need for more training of nuclear p operators and some system evaluation to prevent valve malfunctions which lead to the incident.

"With that improvement and with the response capability demonstrated at Three Mile Island, I think it (nuclear power) is a safe system."

Both Lee and William E. Graham, vice president of Carolina Power and Light Company, told the commission that their firms have thoroughly reviewed their nuclear plant designs, equipment and procedures in light of the Three Mile Island mishap and are making adjustments where they're needed. In addition, their nuclear plant operators are being trained in a computer simulator which is programmed to precisely duplicate the Pennsylvania accident.

All the operators from across the nation are expected to go through that simulator training within the next several weeks.

Meanwhile, electric utilities across the nation have joined forces to share the findings of their respective self-study efforts so that needed changes can be made in all the nation's operating nuclear plants to prevent a recurrence of the recent incident, Lee said.

Hufham and Donald R. Quick of the NRC's Atlanta office said the federal agency is moving to establish full-time resident inspectors who would be stationed at each operating and soon-to-be completed nuclear plant.

Such an inspector is expected to be assigned to Duke's McGuire Nuclear Power Station in Catawba County, which is scheduled to be operating early next year, as well as Duke's only operating nuclear plant, the Oconee station in South Carolina, and CP&L's Brunswick station near Southport.

Quick who gave an almost minute-by-minute summary of the events involved in the Three Mile Island accident, said the resident inspector program had been scheduled for completion by 1982 but may now be accelerated due to the accident.

Under current procedures, NRC safety inspections of a plant begin as much as 18 months before it is licensed to operate and energy planning inspections are carried out annually once a plant goes on line.

Such inspections began in 1974 for the Brunswick plant and are now underway for McGuire, Hufham said.

In addition, detailed emergency plans must be prepared for each plant which are reviewed by state government officials and NRC.

Hufham pointed out that North Carolina is currently in the process of meeting NRC standards for nuclear plant emergency plans under its "concurrence" program.

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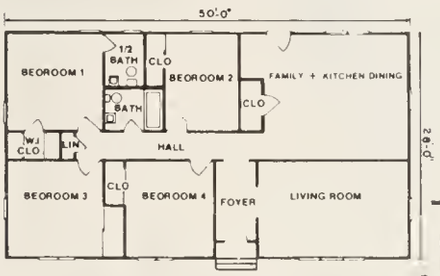

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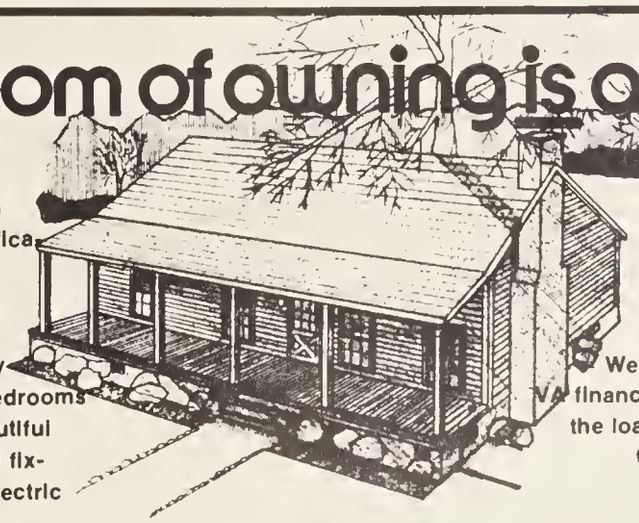

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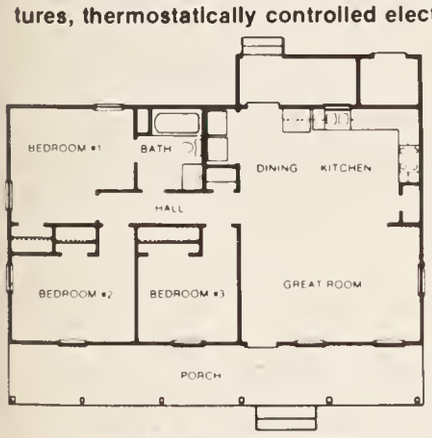

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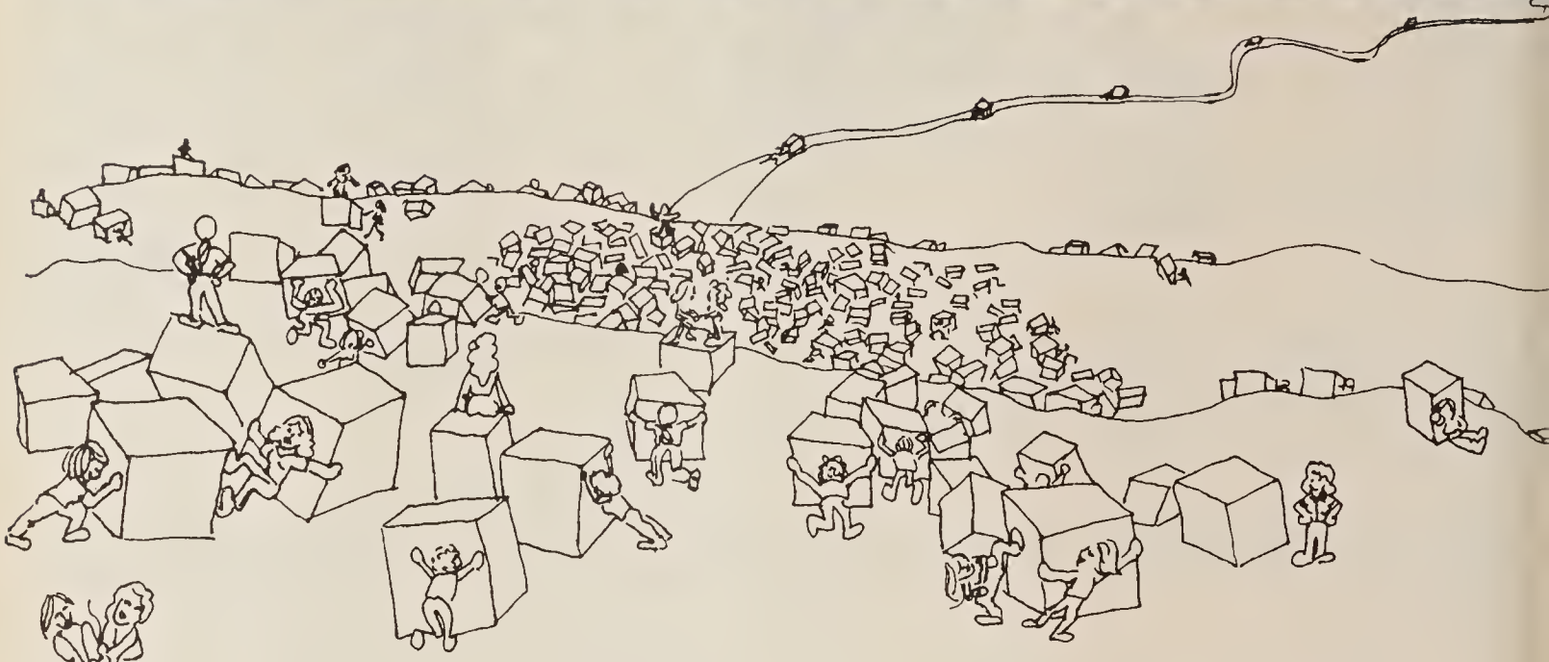

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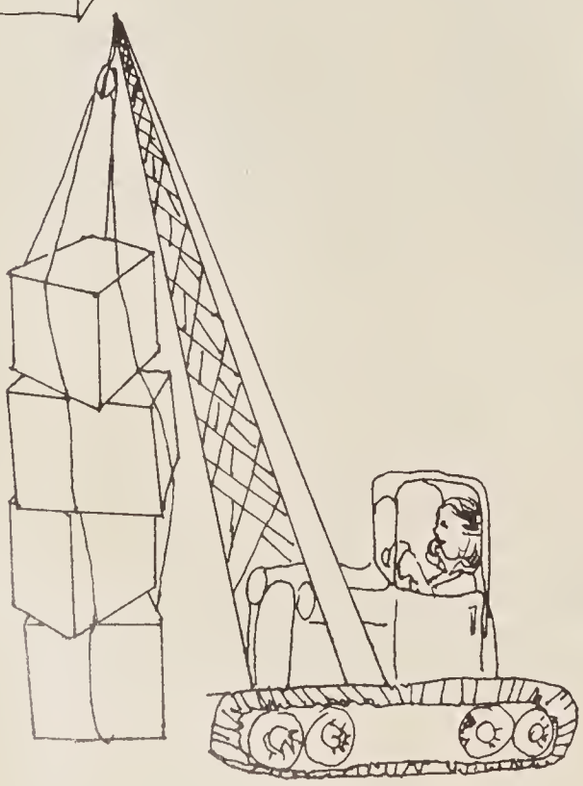

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By Patricia Williams

I was asked to write an article on my own personal observations as a woman playing the "non-traditional" role of professional engineer. To get started, I was told, you might think about the kinds of things people have asked you about playing that role. So here goes:

How did a nice girl like you get to be an ngineer?

I worked very hard.

But isn't it unusual for a woman to be an engineer?

Not at all. About 2 percent of the engineers in this ountry are women. Enrollment of women in ngineering schools is rising and about 15 percent of ie engineering students at N.C. State University are omen.

What does your husband think about it?

He thinks it's great — he likes spending my money. Note: This question is much easier to answer than the ne people used to ask: How will you ever get a usband?)

What does your mother think?

She's glad I got a husband.

You must be awfully smart.

No smarter than the typical male engineer.

You don't look like a woman engineer at all.

If women engineers are supposed to have two heads and wear combat boots to the office, that's true; I don't look like a woman engineer. On the other hand, if women engineers are normal people who have chosen interesting, challenging careers and who enjoy their work, I think I fit that bill.

Does your husband help out a lot around the house?

Yes, and I'm grateful for that. A supportive, loving husband is one of the biggest assets a professional woman can have.

Won't you let me carry your briefcase — it's much too heavy for a little girl like you?

When I decided to be an engineer, I committed myself to doing what was required to get the job done without special treatment or unusual favors from male colleagues. Carrying a briefcase is a lot easier than lugging all my papers around loose. Since I carry it quite often, it can't be too heavy for a "little girl" like me.

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Isn't it hard for a woman to gain acceptance in a non-traditional field?

There is still resistance to women in general in many traditionally male fields. I don't think this will change for a long time, but a specific woman can change the attitude toward herself. I'm not out to make a career for all women — only for myself. With hard work and ability, I hope I can gain acceptance as a competent professional — not just as "that female engineer back in the corner." If enough women do this over a long period of time, then attitudes, in general, will change.

Do you have problems with the wives of men you work with?

It is a constant source of amazement to me that any woman could think that I would have other than a professional interest in a man just because she's married to him. I have a husband of my own, thank you. Usually after she meets me, the wife realizes she has no cause for concern.

Does it bother you to often be the only woman in a group?

It's been years since I noticed.

How do the men you work with feel about you?

Most are too polite to say. Women in non-traditional fields tend not to be meek, retiring types, and it can be quite a shock to a male ego to ask the "cute little thing" behind the desk when the boss will be back only to discover that she **is** the boss. Generally, however, engineers are results-oriented people. If you can do the job, they don't care whether you're male, female, black, white or a little green creature from Mars. They will respect your contribution. In fact, some of the men I work with are now encouraging their daughters to become engineers with every bit of pride that was once reserved for sons.

Would you want your daughter to be an engineer?

This is the first time in history that women have had as many opportunities. We have the freedom to do whatever we want to do, to become whatever hard work and ability will allow us to be, and to make our own career decisions. I would want my daughter to make a free and honest choice. If she chose engineering — well, I'd probably give her my first slide rule.

The Best Man For The Job Might Be A Woman *PART III*

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Dispelling Myths Creates Problems

Moving into traditionally male jobs, running for public office, working on boards and committees, being called women instead of "girls" or "ladies," feeling free to do what they please — women have changed. Some say for the better. Others say not.

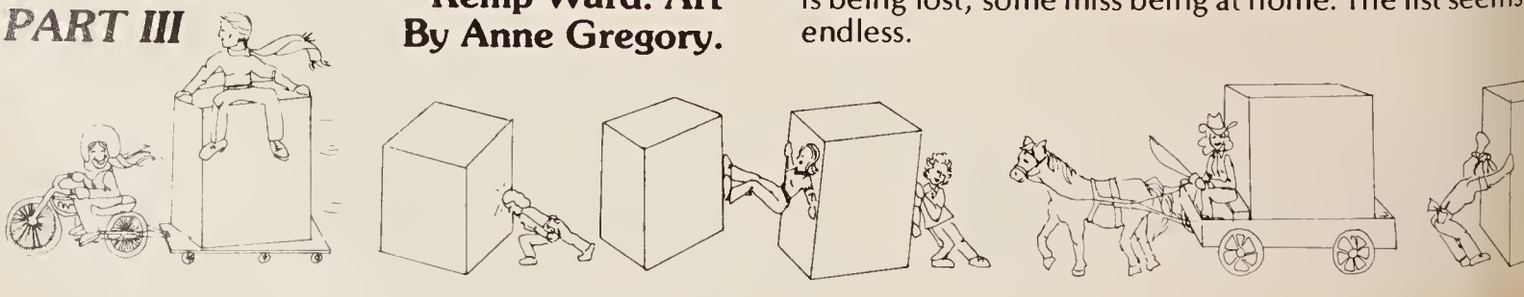
But as one feminist put it: "We're moving out of the home and into the world."

That doesn't necessarily mean that the home is being neglected or that anything is being taken away from men. But it does mean that women — and men — are being subjected to a whole new set of stresses. Many are having a hard time coping with it all, and the result is some new psychological problems, according to Ms. Julia Rogers, a private counselor from Raleigh.

"It's a matter of women breaking from tradition in their thinking," Ms. Rogers said. "It's going to be hard for women — and men — until men understand and accept it and adjust their own thinking. It involves all of us — not just women. I see a little progress over the last few years, but there's still a big gap there."

Men feel threatened by women taking their jobs; they feel uneasy about working alongside women as equals; they feel something precious is being lost; they feel guilty because their wives must work; they resent having to help with the housework all of a sudden. The list goes on and on.

Women are hit with stress they've never felt before because they feel they've entered hostile territory on the job; they fear they can't compete on the same level with men; they have an irrational fear of failure at times; they resent opposition by some men; they feel some men might no longer look on them as feminine; they feel guilty about taking men's jobs and for making their husbands help out around the house; some feel, like men, that something precious is being lost; some miss being at home. The list seems endless.



We're going to have to find a way to work it out, nough, because women aren't going to leave the abor market or give up their newfound "liberation," ays Clair Millar, project coordinator for Work Options for Women, a project of the North Carolina Council on the Status of Women. More than 65 ercent of working women work out of economic ecessity, she said, and 10 percent are heads of ouseholds. Many others work because they don't eel fulfilled at home or simply because they like to ork, she said.

"Clearly, the winners will be those people who are ble to cope with these work and home role hanges," she said. "Just as we can't cling to our old erceptions about the environment or population rowth, so we can't hold to old ideas about the roles f men and women. Our economy won't allow it. This edefining of roles is the biggest challenge facing all f us right now."

So while women are feeling more fulfilled and have better sense of self worth, they're picking up more ressure, tension and guilt. Men, too.

But these problems are not something else for omen to feel guilty about, according to Ms. Rogers. Women are just trying hard to be "whole persons," he says, and it's the hesitancy of men to do the same at is really causing the problems.

Ms. Rogers has worked with several patients over e last few years who have gotten caught up in these ew problems. She said the new attitudes are otentially very healthy, but its's difficult to break old olds. It's difficult for everybody.

She said each person has a male and female side — aits that reflect our ideas of masculine and feminine. raditionally men have bottled up their feminine de, and women have stopped their masculine side. ut now in the last few years, more and more women ave begun to let some of their masculine traits out. here's always been a few down through history who dn't conform to the stereotypes. That was easy to ndle. But now it's a flood.

"What I'm talking about is dispelling myths," Ms. gers said. "You can't be all masculine or all minine in this world anymore. There's no such thing the 'good ole boy' anymore — men that have to be masculine. Men have emotions, too, and it's all ght for them to express them. And women can't be feminine all the time, although some women — pecially southern women — try."

She said men and women in all walks of life are eling the strain. "It really comes down to everyone cepting everyone else as a whole person."

And there's something else — a growing attitude, pecially among young adults, that women **should** ve into once male dominated areas of life. The rriers, so strong in the past, are beginning to fade ay in places. The pressure is on.

The "women libbers" who put pressure on themselves by moving into once forbidden territory have sparked a condition that spreads the pressure around. And even though the feminist movement teaches that child-rearing and homemaking are admirable jobs, both sexes are beginning to expect more of women.

Julia Rogers

The total woman is being put in a pressure cooker.

Here's one tough situation: A few years ago when a woman had to work outside the home to supplement her husband's income, she was doing something "extra." It was considered a sacrafice and everybody would help her with her new load. She got special appreciation. That made it much easier to handle, physically and psychologically.

But nowadays women in that position aren't getting that special pat on the back. They're actually **expected** to work outside the home, especially if there are no small children at home. And it's become harder and harder for women to feel good about staying at home even if they need to stay with children.

Clair Millar

To make matters even worse, women who have been working outside the home satisfactorily are now being pressured to do better in the job market — a place until a few years ago they weren't even expected to want to enter.

Dr. Marlyne Kilbey, state treasurer for the North Carolina chapter of the National Organization for Women, cites a recent survey that shows men not only expect their wives to work, they also want them to hold down good jobs and move up at every opportunity.

"If a woman is working at a low-pay job, the family satisfaction with her working is not as high as those who are earning a good salary," she stated. "That can cause a good deal of stress."

That finding is particularly disturbing since more than 80 percent of working women are stuck in low-level, low-pay jobs with little chance for significant advancement.

Many women, including State Senator Anne Bagnal, a Winston-Salem Republican, have a hard time with the change in attitudes. She obviously, as one of the few women legislators,has moved into male dominated territory, but she mourns the loss of a way of life.

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"I hate to see our society coming to a place where women are expected to be out in the work force," she said. "I stayed at home when my children were small — I have five. I wanted to stay at home with them and I did."

But she agrees with those who say it's getting harder and harder for women to take that option and still feel good about themselves and keep those around them happy.

"Our society in general is under more pressure than it used to be," she said. "More seems to be expected of us — both sexes. I can't say it's good or bad. It's a fact of life."

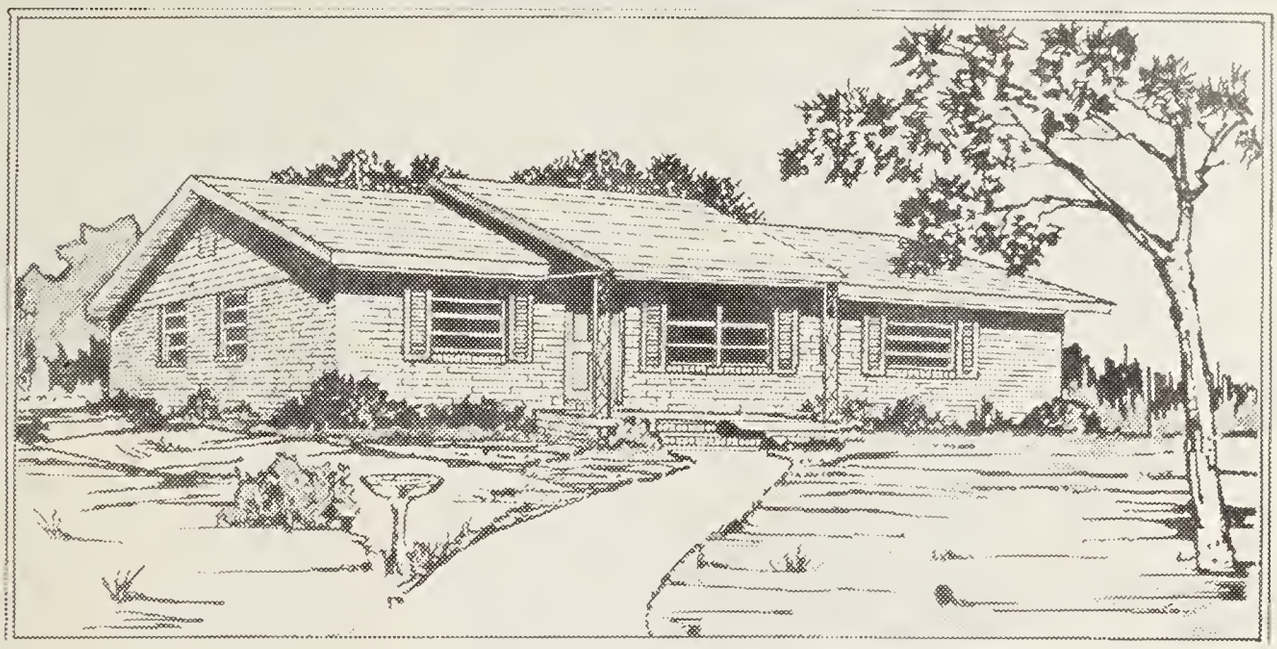
She believes the changes in attitudes have been speeded along too fast for everyone's good. She puts the blame for most of it on the women's movement and present-day women's magazines.

It's the idea that you can't be happy staying at home. Article after article. They've implanted th false idea, and it's had a tremendous effect. I'm qui angry. They were having an affect on me, but realized what they were doing. I read some articl that made you feel absolutely worthless if you worke in the home. It was making me feel unhappy. I ju thank God that I finally came to my senses. I don't tak a woman's magazine anymore."

She says it's a problem that she doesn't have a answer for.

Others say she's wrong to criticize the women movement and the magazines. They say both hav merely made women more aware of the feelings o other women and have given women something t think about.

Ms. Rogers says the stresses, strains and tension wi probably continue to fill the air for many years t come, but we can watch for a gradual decrease — a men watch women become "whole persons" an begin to follow suit. □



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Upper left: U.S. Senator Jim Sasser greets guest at the General Assembly Banquet of the 1979 Annual Meeting of the North Carolina EMCs' statewide organization, after delivering the featured address at the banquet. About 700 EMC leaders, legislators and state government officials attended the event. Left: North Carolina Agriculture Commissioner Jim Graham addresses the Rural Electric Action Program breakfast during the annual meeting. Above: CBS Newsman Douglas Edwards speaks to the Awards Luncheon which concluded the annual meeting.

Statewide Annual Meeting/1979

About 400 management employees, directors and women volunteers from Electric Membership Corporations across the state participated in the 1979 Annual Meeting of the statewide EMC organization in Raleigh, March 13-14.

Highlights of the meeting included addresses by CBS Newsman Douglas Edwards, who spoke at the Awards Luncheon; U.S. Senator Jim Sasser, who appeared at the General Assembly Banquet; North Carolina Agriculture Commissioner Jim Graham, who spoke to the Rural Electric Action Program breakfast; Chuck Gill, deputy governor of the National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corporation, who spoke during a business session.

Other stories on these pages report on those EMC managers and directors who received service awards and on the election of officers for the three statewide corporations, as well as the Women's Advisory Committee.

Honored For Service

Two managers and 33 directors from Electric Membership Corporations across the state were cited for their years of service to rural electrification during the 1979 N.C. AEC Annual Meeting. Each received a certificate of meritorious service.

The two managers were L. T. Gibbs of Rutherfordton, manager of Rutherford EMC, Forest City; and Zane L. Gray of Buxton, manager of Cape Hatteras EMC. Gibbs was recognized for 40 years of work in the rural electric program; Gray, for 30 years.

The directors honored, listed by EMCs, were:

Albemarle — Floyd Matthews of Rt. 4, Hertford, 30 years; Blue Ridge — Bert Mast of Rt. 1, Zionville, 40 years, and Charles Suddreth of Rt. 5, Lenoir, 20 years.

Brunswick — R. T. Mercer of Bolivia, 20 years; Cape Hatteras — Sherman Barnett of Frisco, 30 years; Cartere Craven — Monroe Gaskill of Cedar Island, 15 years and W. Wynne of Havelock, 25 years; Central — H. L. West of Rt. Cameron, 25 years.

Crescent — T. L. Brotherton of Cornelius and Russe Osford of Rt. 2, Taylorsville, both 15 years; Davidson - Eston S. Stokes of Rt. 1, Linwood, 25 years and D. H. Skeen Rt. 2, Denton, 40 years.

Edgecombe-Martin — R. V. Knight of Tarboro and C. W Mayo of Rt. 1, Tarboro, both 40 years, and Noel Lee Jr. of R 3, Washington, 25 years.

Four County — Richard Pendergrass of Tomahawk, 1 years; Halifax — R. J. Simmons of Rt. 1, Enfield, 15 years, an Frederick Williams of Rt. 3, Warrenton, 30 years; Pee Dee - R. J. Riggan of Hamlet, 15 years; Piedmont — Clyde

Officers Elected

Earl Ross
N.C. AEC President

Bob McDuffie
N.C. AEC Vice President
TEMA Secretary-Treasurer

Douglas P. Leary
N.C. EMC Secretary-Treasurer

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Donald Rice
N.C. AEC Secretary-Treasurer

Alvin Morton
N.C. EMC President

L. P. (Bill) Beverage
N.C. EMC Vice President

Horace Moore
NREGA Board

Managers of Electric Membership Corporations headquartered in Hillsborough, Waynesville and Jacksonville have been elected to the top leadership posts with North Carolina's statewide organization of rural electric cooperatives for the coming year.

Earl J. Ross, manager of Piedmont EMC, Hillsborough, was elected president of the N.C. Association of Electric Cooperatives, (N.C. AEC) after serving for the past year as vice president.

John Browning, manager of Haywood EMC, Waynesville, was elected president of Tarheel Electric Membership Association, (TEMA) the EMC's central purchasing and materials supply organization.

Alvin Morton, manager of Jones-Onslow EMC, Jacksonville, was re-elected to serve a second term as president of North Carolina EMC, the power supply arm of the co-op's association. N.C. EMC handles negotiations with the investor-owned power companies regarding bulk rates for energy supplied to the EMCs and is currently mapping plans for the co-ops to acquire portions of Duke Power and Virginia Electric and Power Co. generating plants.

Bob McDuffie, manager of Randolph EMC, Asheboro, was elected to offices in two corporations. He'll serve as vice president of N.C. AEC and as secretary-treasurer of TEMA.

Also elected were Donald Rice, manager of Crescent EMC, Statesville, secretary-treasurer of N.C. AEC; Derl Hinson, manager of Lumbee River EMC, Red Springs, vice president of TEMA; L. P. (Bill) Beverage, manager of Four County EMC, vice president of N.C. EMC; Douglas P. Leary, manager of Wake EMC, secretary-treasurer of N.C. EMC.

Horace Moore, a rural letter carrier from Snow Hill, was re-elected to serve his third term as North Carolina's representative on the board of directors of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association. Moore is on the board of directors of Pitt and Greene EMC, Farmville, as well as the boards of TEMA, N.C. EMC and N.C. AEC.

The officers were elected during the 1979 Annual Meeting of the statewide organization in Raleigh, March 13-14.

Meanwhile, officers of the N.C. AEC Women's Advisory Committee were re-elected to serve a second one-year term. They are Maxine Jordan of Clarkton, chairman, and Mamie King of Warrenton, vice chairman. Also, Ann Williamson of Rt. 1, Whiteville was elected to the Women's Task Force of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association. Joy McCall of Ellerbee is already a member of that group.

Mrs. Jordan and Mrs. Williamson are members of the Brunswick EMC Women's Committee; Mrs. King, the Halifax EMC Women's Committee, and Mrs. McCall, the Pee Dee EMC Women's Committee. □

Sherfield of Timberlake, 35 years; Pitt & Greene — David Corbett of Rt. 3, Snow Hill, 20 years, and Lloyd Gay of Rt. 1, Fountain, 15 years.

Randolph — T. L. York of Rt. 1, Staley, 40 years; Rutherford — Fred T. Boyd of Marion, E. L. Christy of Rt. 1, Ruth, Frank Queen of Rt. 1, Morganton and Robert B. Sisk of Rt. 5, Morganton, all 15 years.

South River — Harvey Flowers of Rt. 2, Four Oaks, 20 years, and Bynum Jackson of Rt. 1, Godwin, 25 years. Surry-Yadkin — W. E. Collins of Rt. 2, Westfield, and J. O. Gentry of Rt. 1, Roaring River, both 15 years; Tri-County — Leslie J. Bell of Rt. 2, Mt. Olive, 15 years; Union EMC — Bruce Thompson of Charlotte, 25 years. □

Maxine Jordan
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